

# The Thirteen Towns.

FOSTON, (Polk Co.) MINNESOTA.

Many a man who gives up his money freely for foolish whims disputes the price of necessities.

When a man firmly believes himself above his neighbor's level he can afford to admit that the latter has a level head.

Now that the Prince of Wales is wearing eyeglasses, he may be able to see some of the things which have shocked his critics.

Holland is a place where primitive customs abound. Traditions are sacredly handed down and observed, and this veneration for ancient things has kept alive in the country what are known as courting Sundays. Throughout Holland the four Sundays of November are said to be kept as fete days. They are named severally Review, Decision, Purpose and Possession Sundays.

The chilly experiences of gold-seekers in Alaska are hardly calculated to make one think of that country as a good field for agricultural enterprise, but in fact our Agricultural Department thinks so well of the farming possibilities of Alaska that experiment stations have been placed in Sitka and Kenai, and headquarters are to be established for similar work in the interior.

The election bet folly reached its depth in the town of Oxford, Mass., where Ovide Villers, a member of the Republican town committee, made a wager with his daughter, the wife of a Democrat, John J. Toomey. If Bryan was elected, Mr. Villers agreed to roll a peanut on the ground with a toothpick an eighth of a mile from his residence; if McKinley won, Mrs. Toomey was to do likewise. So that peanut has just been rolled amid the pitying smiles of the villagers.

The pauperization of the famine sufferers as a result of the charity of the India government, which is always dreaded by the officials after such a visitation as the country has just experienced, has, to a large extent, been accomplished. An indication of this is found in the number of men and women who are getting relief and who are perfectly able to work the land. A Simla correspondent says that the total number of persons now receiving relief is about 3,000,000 as against 6,500,000 two months ago. But this great decrease is far less than was expected after the favorable rains.

A Massachusetts physician recently gave an amusing illustration of the dread some people have of fresh air in their sleeping-rooms. In the western part of the state a few years ago lived a family who were accustomed to keep doors and windows all tightly closed. The head of the house was a carpenter, and one fall undertook to remodel a part of his dwelling. The task was not completed when winter set in, and the family, to their horror, had to endure an amount of fresh air that filled them with alarm. The wife, speaking about it, afterward, said she "didn't know how they could have stood it if it hadn't happened that they were all in better health than usual."

In the "banqueting hall" of the city chambers at Glasgow a celebrated painter has just completed a panel in "Mural decorating," giving the supposed origin of the legend. The painting represents the banks of the Clyde, with fishermen and their nets, Saint Mungo taking a ring from a salmon's mouth, with the queen and her ladies looking on. The origin of the legend is as follows: Langvorth, queen of Strathelyde, lost a ring given to her by her husband, King Mederech, and he threatened to take her life for her carelessness. The queen asked Saint Mungo for help, and he ordered a fisherman to cast his net into the Clyde. The fisherman did as he was ordered, and brought up a salmon with a ring in his mouth. Then the king and the queen lived happily ever after.

Broomhall says that reports from Argentina are becoming more positive each day that the wheat crop is not doing well. There has, no doubt, been a danger this season in observers reckoning upon a repetition of the remarkable yield of December, 1898. The yield per acre in Argentina in 1898 must have been phenomenal indeed, for, had not storms of wind and rain destroyed 300,000 tons after harvest, the total available for exportation during 1899 would have been about 11,000,000 quarters and the total crop about 15,000,000 quarters, which, being grown on an area of 5,100,000 acres, indicates a yield of 23 bushels per acre. This figure may not be reached again for years to come, and consequently, although the acreage is now in the neighborhood of 6,000,000, it is quite on the cards that the total output may fall to 10,000,000 quarters.

Victims of seasickness will be pleased that a league for the suppression of the evil has been formed in France. The society proposes to collect documents, to deal with scientific experiences and publish any matter likely to interest persons subject to seasickness, to collect a band of medical specialists ashore and afloat, to bring pressure to bear upon public bodies, that they may grant subventions only to well-ventilated vessels, and to assist inventors in the discovery of remedies for counteracting the effect of the motion of a vessel.

# The News Of the Week

Washington Notes.

Mail messenger postal service has been discontinued at Alberta, Stevens county, Minn.

Senator Fairbanks of Indiana has introduced a bill to admit Oklahoma as a state, with two representatives.

The president has nominated Silas Alexander of New Mexico to be associate judge of the supreme court of New Mexico.

The attorney general at Washington has ruled that wounded soldiers may be promoted if able to perform duties of higher offices.

The navy department has made arrangements to send a supply of lumber, nails, etc., to Guam on the brig Spreckles. The building material sent to Guam is for the purpose of repairing the extensive damage done to that island by the typhoon.

Jules Cambon, French ambassador to Washington, who intended sailing for New York on Saturday, has postponed his departure until after Christmas. This will enable him to start a movement in favor of sending to Washington a replica of the statue to Marshal Rochambeau, which was inaugurated at the town of Vendome last June.

Casualties.

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At Youngstown, Ohio, a fire destroyed the six-story building occupied by the Stambaugh-Thompson company, dealers in hardware. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$75,000.

Three men were killed and two were seriously injured in the World-Herald mine at Aurora, Mo. A large boulder, loosened by a blast, fell from the roof of the mine.

Fire was discovered in the file room on the third floor of the treasury department in Washington the other day. It was extinguished before serious damage was done.

The small schooner Mary A. Brown of Gloucester was wrecked on Hampton Beach, near Portsmouth, N. H., and all on board were lost. It is thought the crew numbered at least four men.

A work train, carrying its crew of between twenty-five and thirty track repairers, backed into a freight train, a few miles east of Sulsum, Cal., and in the wreck which followed eight men were killed and some twenty more injured, many of them seriously.

At Evansville, Ind., one life was lost and several persons were injured in a fire which destroyed the structural iron works of George L. Mesker & Co. and Losenthal's commission house. The losses are estimated at \$110,000. The killed and injured were firemen. The dead: Gottlieb Surbeck.

Sins and Sinners.

Indians burned one of their number at Kernville, Cal., as a human sacrifice.

At Portland, Or., six masked men held up the office of the Western Lumber company, took \$6,000, and escaped, while a dozen men were in the vicinity of the mill.

There was a riot at Latrobe, Pa., between deputies and strikers. The injured are Deputy A. K. Baker, ribs broken; Deputy David Detrick and Deputy Logan, badly bruised. Several miners were arrested.

The pretty young wife of Dr. Harry Whipple of Cuba, N. Y., has created a sensation by eloping with Floyd Williams, a drug clerk employed in Allen & Thomas' store in Cuba, a bosom friend of her husband.

Eight thousand dollars' worth of cattle were stolen Sunday night from Alfred McCoy's ranch, six miles from Bennisla, Ind., and before the owner of the cattle became aware of his loss they had been shipped to Chicago and no doubt sold.

At Victoria, B. C., Eugene Brooks, a Zionite elder, and William Maltby, one of his aids, were committed for trial on the charge of causing the death of Maltby's six-year-old son by withholding medical attendance when he was suffering from diphtheria.

Mrs. Emma Van Liew, who has been on trial at Van Wert, Ohio, charged with causing the death of Alice Hummel by throwing vitriol in her face, pleaded guilty to manslaughter, was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years and was taken to prison at Columbus.

Foreign Notes.

Cecil Rhodes has donated £3,000 toward the erection of a new cathedral at Cape Town.

Count von Goetzen, former military attaché of the German embassy in Washington, will be appointed governor general of German East Africa.

A Reuter dispatch from Constantinople says it is suggested that Russia is prompting the Porte to refuse to grant an exequatur to Dr. Norton.

In the reichstag, the imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, informed the Centrists that their bill in regard to the free exercise of religion was not acceptable to the federal government.

The report that the czar was poisoned is again revived in Vienna on the strength of a St. Petersburg dispatch to the Volksblatt that the czar is dejected by the Russian aristocracy on account of his peace views and his Western European sympathies.

John Luke Hely-Hutchinson, fifth earl of Donmore, at one time assistant commissioner in Eastern Roumania, died of paralysis in London.

Victoria ship advices say that it is reported that Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, commander of the allies, will soon return home. The chief reason given is that the general is disappointed over the turn of events.

Gen. MacArthur has confirmed the sentence of hanging passed upon four natives recently convicted of murder at Lingayen. The condemned were members of the Guardia de Honor, a band of assassins whose victims were kidnapped and boiled.

Frank Hawley, the electrical promoter, who is now in London in the interest of an American syndicate, says the syndicate is ready to spend \$4,000,000 for the construction of electric railways in London and suburbs for a radius of ten miles.

"Count and Countess Boni de Castellane are negotiating for a house in London," says Vanity Fair, "where in future they will spend at least a portion of the year, as Count Boni is deeply hurt at the want of sympathy shown him by his friends and compatriots in his recent financial troubles."

People Talked About.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York is going to Colorado this winter for a hunting trip.

Herr Spinola, privy councillor and director of the charity hospital in Berlin, is dead.

Hon. Wirt Henry, grandson of Patrick Henry and a distinguished member of the Virginia bar, died at Richmond.

Thomas Nolan, assistant corporation counsel of New York, died. He was stricken with paralysis a few weeks ago.

George S. House, one of the best known attorneys in Illinois, died at Joliet. Mr. House was sixty-five years of age and had practiced law there since before the Civil war.

Mrs. Zella Ruhman, better known as Zella Nichols, under which name she achieved notoriety years ago, has brought suit at New York for a separation from Albert Ruhman, her husband.

George D. Quesada, a Cuban who took a prominent part in the affairs of Cuba during the time that island was a dependency of Spain, dropped dead in the Merchant's National bank at New York.

At the annual dinner of the Presbyterian Union of New York city at the Hotel Savoy one of the speakers was James H. Canfield, ex-chancellor of the University of Nebraska and president of the University of Ohio.

Miss Eugenia Washington, great-grand-niece of George Washington and one of the founders of the Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and president of the Society of Founders and Patriots, died in Washington.

Ex-Gov. James W. McClurg, aged eighty-eight, died at Lebanon, Mo., of hemorrhage of the stomach. He was elected governor of Missouri as a Republican in 1888 and served one term. He served in congress from 1862 to 1868.

Baron Sherman Speck von Sternberg, formerly secretary of the German embassy at Washington and recently appointed consul general for Germany at Calcutta, was married at St. George's church, London, to Miss Lillian May Langham of Louisville.

The engagement of Miss Irene Woodward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Woodward of Evanston, Ill., to Lieut. Frederick Bismarck, grandson of Prince Bismarck and an officer in the German imperial army, is reported. The Woodwardes were guests at the American legation in Pekin.

Otherwise.

The Rogers Locomotive works at Paterson, N. J., have closed down permanently.

The official vote of California is as follows: McKinley, 164,755; Bryan, 124,965; Woolley, 5,024.

George H. Phillips says that his personal profits through the recent corn deal amounted to \$300,000.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity, in session at Louisville, has selected New York for the next biennial session.

Miss Irene Woodward of Evanston, Ill., emphatically denies the report of her alleged engagement to Lieut. The Southern Industrial convention met in New Orleans. A large number of delegates attended, including many from the North.

Attorney General Akin of Illinois will institute proceedings against several hundred corporations for violating the anti-trust laws.

Rev. Joseph Alerding, formerly of St. Joseph's parish, Indianapolis, has been consecrated fourth bishop of the Catholic diocese of Fort Wayne.

The American Sheet Steel company has announced an advance of \$2 per ton on black sheets, with a corresponding advance in galvanized steel.

At a meeting, attended by 600 business men, recently, at Wheeling, W. Va., a board of trade was organized. S. A. Thompson, late of the Duluth chamber of commerce, was elected secretary.

The United States transport Indiana, which went ashore Nov. 27 on the east side of the Isle de Pollo, off the east coast of Luzon, was successfully floated, and arrived at Bonangan sound, short of coal.

The design for the monument to the memory of the late Vice President G. A. Hobart has been selected at Paterson, N. J. The successful competitor is Philip Martin. It shows Mr. Hobart standing with a gavel in his hand and leaning forward slightly, as if listening to a speaker.

# LI IS TURNED DOWN

MINISTERS FIND HIS CREDENTIALS FAULTY.

They Do Not Bear the Emperor's Private Seal, So the Ministers Refuse to Accept Them—All Powers Have Agreed to the Conditions Identically as Outlined by Von Buelow, the German Chancellor—British Representative Ordered to Sign the Note.

London, Dec. 14.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that the ministers at Pekin have rejected Li Hung Chang's credentials because they do not bear the emperor's private seal. Lord Lansdowne yesterday notified Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister at Pekin, to sign the joint note to be presented to the Chinese government, and which will furnish the basis of negotiations. According to a Pekin dispatch negotiations will begin as soon as the British minister received the order to sign the note. All the powers have agreed to the conditions identically as outlined by Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor of Germany, Nov. 19, with the exception of the introductory clause saying the demands are irrevocable, which is eliminated.

DEWET IS SLAY.

Boer Commander Again Eludes His British Pursuers.

London, Dec. 14.—Lord Kitchener cables from Pretoria that Gen. Knox reports from Helvetia that he is engaged in a running fight with Gen. Dewet's burghers, who are moving in the direction of Reddersburg, where another column is ready to co-operate with Gen. Knox. The battle between Generals Knox and Dewet had been inconsequential and the Boer general is apparently again eluding his opponent. If Dewet is moving toward Reddersburg he has presumably escaped from the little triangle country bounded on the two sides by the Orange and Caledon rivers. Both of these streams are in flood. Reddersburg is fifty miles west of the Caledon.

HELD UP BY BOERS.

They Raid a British Supply Train and Help Themselves to Horses.

Pretoria, Dec. 14.—A train proceeding from Natal to Johannesburg was held up by 150 Boers near Vlaklaagte. The Boers used oxen to pull up two lengths of rails, and the train, which contained remounts for the troops, was necessarily compelled to stop. The burghers made the horses jump out of the cars and captured 100 of them. A second train conveying provisions was fired on and the engineer was wounded. The locomotive was slightly damaged. The men in charge of the train were compelled to alight and watch the Boers getting the horses off the train ahead. While this was going on a third train with a few soldiers on board, came up. As soon as the soldiers saw what was going on they opened fire on the Boers, who, having secured the horses, galloped away on them. They left two cars untouched. Later the rails were re-laid and the trains proceeded.

NOT INFLUENCED BY ENGLAND.

Von Buelow Talks Plainly About South Africa.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—In the reichstag the imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, referring to the complaints which have arisen on account of Emperor William's failure to receive Mr. Kruger, went lengthily again into the reasons for the non-reception of Mr. Kruger, covering new ground in a statement which he made as to the relations between Germany and Great Britain. The chancellor repudiated the suggestion that the government's action was due to any wish or proposal from the emperor or to himself, the chancellor. For the emperor, only German national considerations were authoritative. If family relations or dynastic considerations influenced the foreign policy he would not remain chancellor another day.

TO TAX TRANSVAAL.

Committee Will Be Sent to Ascertain the Country's Assets.

London, Dec. 14.—After a re-arranged debate in the house of commons the report of supply was agreed to. During subsequent discussion in committee of ways and means, the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, promised that a considerable proportion of the cost of the war should be obtained from the Transvaal. He added that a treasury committee was about to proceed to the Transvaal to ascertain its assets and their taxable capacity. Sir David Barbour, continued the chancellor of the exchequer, had been selected for this task.

WIDOWS OF GENERALS.

Favorable Report on Pension Bills for Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. McClernand.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The senate committee on pensions reported favorably the bills introduced by Senator Culom for a pension of \$50 a month each to the widows of Gen. John M. Palmer and Gen. John A. McClelland. Both are in feeble health, and in making a unanimous report in each case, to which was attached a statement of the distinguished record of their husbands, the committee takes occasion to say it is the duty of the country to care for the widows of its honored heroes.

REBELS DEFEATED.

Government Recaptures Port Tumaco, on the Bay of Tumaco.

New York, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to the Herald from Panama says: Official advices from Buena Ventura indicate that the power of the rebels in the west has been broken. Gov. Alban has cabled that Port Tumaco, on the Bay of Tumaco, was recaptured on Dec. 4, after three days' fighting, and that the rebel steamer Galitan was destroyed. Gov. Alban believes the rebellion has been crushed east of Buena Ventura.

# TRAINS ALL MOVING.

Officials of the Santa Fe Say the Strike Is Over.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Following is the latest statement made by Third Vice President Barr: "We consider the strike over. Everything is moving and we have quit employing new men. Now that the strike is over I can state that we had fifteen agencies outside of Chicago in the East, where we were employing operators to take the places of the strikers. I have just notified our agents that we have all the men we need. As soon as they reach their destination not a key will be silent. All the men were examined before employed and are thoroughly competent."

The striking telegraphers, who are members of the O. R. T., deny the truth of these statements and assert they are confident of victory.

The Strikers' Side.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—H. B. Perham, secretary of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, said that there was no material change in the situation of the strike on the Santa Fe. He avers that the Santa Fe road is making no headway and suffering heavy losses daily. He points to the statement that General Manager Mudge is operating a telegraph key as contradicting the claims of that official that the strike is over. The local recruiting offices of the company are closed. Perham says the men in charge found they could hire no competent men here.

Officials at the headquarters of the 400 operators on the line of the Colorado Southern, which runs from Denver to Fort Worth, Tex. The men claim that the company is discriminating against and discharging union men. It is not believed that decisive action will be taken before the Santa Fe strike is terminated. The trouble on the Northern Pacific was precipitated before headquarters desired it to be.

UNFAITHFUL WIFE SUICIDES.

Husband Had Discovered Another Man in Her Room.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Florence S. Mollineux Wickham, wife of J. E. Wickham, committed suicide early yesterday morning by shooting herself with a pistol. The husband, who was sleeping in a room on the opposite side of the hall, says he was awakened by hearing two shots in his wife's room. He hurried in and found his wife, disrobed for bed, sitting in a chair, dead and a pistol clamped in her right hand. Mr. Wickham also said that when he went home Tuesday night he found his wife's room darkened and silent, an unusual circumstance, and he demanded admittance. She opened the door and protested against his entrance, but he forced his way in. Under a cot in Mrs. Wickham's room, her husband asserts, was J. R. W. Davis of New York city, engineer of maintenance of way of the Erie road. A scene followed and the husband says he called witnesses for the purpose of having evidence in divorce proceedings. He also summoned Surrogate O. P. Howell of Orange county to arrange at once proceedings for divorce. After a scene all left and the husband says he retired to his own room.

Mrs. Wickham left three letters, one to her father, one to her husband, and one to the wife of her husband's brother. The contents of the one to her father were alone made public. She begged his forgiveness for what she was about to do. She left some money and valuables for him and bade him farewell. Mr. Wickham is worth from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and is the owner of valuable property here.

JESSE JAMES' BROTHER.

He Is Charged With Stripping a Yacht in New Jersey.

Somerville, N. J., Dec. 14.—Charles James, who says he is the youngest brother of the late Jesse James, of outlaw fame, was arrested at Bound Brook, charged with robberies on Millstone river. On the same charge James Donnelly, a trolley car conductor, was arrested. The Millstone vigilance society decided to run down the thieves, who, on Thanksgiving night, stole from its moorings a steam launch owned by George Pace, a lawyer, and Charles Vandoren, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, and took it down the river to a point near Weston, where it was stripped of its engine, boiler and propelling machinery.

FOUR MEN SHOT.

Fight Between Revenue Officers and Supposed Moonshiners.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 14.—A fight between revenue officers and a party of men whom the officers mistook for illicit distillers in Madison county, Ala., resulted in the shooting of four men. Officers' party was fatally injured and three men—Drenem, Lloyd and Johnson—of the other party received serious wounds. The officers, thinking the men in the wagon were Tennessee mountaineers with a load of "moonshine" en route for Huntsville, ordered them to halt. They mistook the officers for highwaymen and both parties opened fire.

ALGER MEETS A BURGLAR.

Falls in the Encounter and the Intruder Escapes With Silverware.

Detroit, Dec. 14.—Gen. Russell Alger, ex-secretary of war, was quite badly shaken up by a burglar in his home on West Fort street. The general was awakened by some one prowling about on the first floor of his residence and started down stairs to investigate. Just as he reached the foot of the stairs he ran into a burglar who was running to a window. The general was tripped and fell heavily. When he regained his feet the burglar had escaped with \$300 worth of silverware.

Children Perish in a Fire.

Tionesta, Pa., Dec. 14.—In a fire at Goltusa, near here, three children perished. The mother had gone to call on a neighbor. Extreme pressure of gas caused overheating of the stove, igniting the building.

Accident to a Logger.

Grand Rapids, Minn., Dec. 14.—William Betts was brought in from Prairie Brothers' logging camp, on Prairie river suffering from a bad cut in the left foot. His axe glanced, inflicting a very painful wound.

# TO GOVERN PEKIN

ALLIES ARRANGE FOR A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Captain From Each Army Represented in China Chosen to Act as a Government for the City—German Colonel Is Chairman—Great Britain Causes a Further Delay—As Soon as the Protocol is Signed Negotiations Will Be Proceeded With Without Waiting for the Chinese Credentials.

Pekin, Dec. 13.—At a meeting of the military commanders for the purpose of arranging for a provisional government for Pekin it was decided to appoint Capt. Dods of the Ninth infantry, U. S. A.; Capt. Selvin of the British army; Capt. Sheba of the Japanese army; Capt. von Braen of the German army, and Capt. Fergo of the Italian army, as such government. Col. von Gail of the German army, who was second in command in the recent punitive expedition to Kalgan, was appointed chairman of the government. These officers will consult with the Chinese authorities regarding plans for the government of the city.

Li Hung Chang has paid a visit to Gen. Chaffee, the American commander, at his headquarters at the Temple of Agriculture. This temple, together with the Temple of Heaven, near which is situated the race course established by the British military, where racing is held weekly, are the two

Most Sacred Edifices

in China. The only person who worships in them is the emperor, and he only visits them annually. Li Hung Chang and the members of his staff who accompanied him had never seen the interior of the temple before Gen. Chaffee received them.

At a meeting of the ministers yesterday it was agreed that as soon as the protocol embracing the terms for the peace negotiations is signed it shall be presented to the Chinese ministers and they shall then proceed with the negotiations without waiting for the arrival of authority and credentials for the Chinese commissioners.

The ministers prepared a draft of the credentials to be demanded of the Chinese and submitted a copy to Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, together with a request that these credentials be secured without delay. The British minister, Sir Ernest Satow, is still awaiting instructions from his government. The ministers adjourned without fixing upon a date for their next meeting.

CHAFFEE'S APOLOGY.

Was Too Vigorous in His Protest to Von Waldersee.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The German foreign office authorized the Associated Press to make the following statement regarding the Waldersee-Chaffee incident, based upon a cable dispatch just received from Field Marshal von Waldersee: "Gen. Chaffee wrote Field Marshal von Waldersee a letter in a rough tone. Field Marshal von Waldersee refused to receive it, returning the same to Gen. Chaffee. The latter then wrote a second letter, apologizing for his objectionable expressions, whereupon Field Marshal von Waldersee invited Gen. Chaffee to breakfast, and the incident was amicably closed."

No Surprise in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 13.—War department officials express no surprise over the report from Pekin that Gen. Chaffee incurred the displeasure of Count von Waldersee because of his letter protesting against looting. Gen. Chaffee's independent action in preventing looters from passing through the gates surrounded by the American troops, is apparently in conformity with his instructions from the secretary of war. It appears from the dispatch from Pekin that exception was taken to his acting independently in the matter and without the approval of Waldersee. While the officials decline to be interviewed, they point to Gen. Chaffee's instructions as a vindication of his conduct.

SAW IT IN A DREAM.

Remarkable Story Connected With a Murder Case.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13.—The visit to Nebraska of Attorney Branyan of Huntington, Ind., and the tale he tells furnishes a combination of circumstances in the unraveling of crime calculated to arouse the envy of the most imaginative novel writer. Branyan arrived in Lincoln yesterday on his way to Broken Bow, in Custer county. His mission is to assist in the prosecution of William Oxley on the charge of murdering W. H. farmer. Branyan is the legal representative of the sister of the dead farmer. The attorney relates that on the night of Nov. 20 the sister witnessed in a dream an attack on Hulmart. She saw the assailant overpower her brother and kill him with an axe. The vision even showed distinctly the horrible wounds on her brother's skull, which was smashed with the axe. Three days later the news reached her that Hulmart had been found dead on his ranch. His head was crushed as if with an axe. Last week William Oxley was arrested in South Omaha and charged with the murder. Oxley disappeared from the Hulmart's farm about the time of the murder. The two lived together and no one else was on the place.

Methodist University.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The board of trustees of the American university held its annual meeting here. Bishop Hurst reported that there was now between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 on hand and urged that every effort should be put forth to secure \$1,000,000 during the coming year. The election resulted as follows: President, John E. Andrus; treasurer, Matthew G. Wrey; secretary, Rev. Charles W. Baldwin, D. D., all re-elected. Rev. John A. Wallbridge was re-elected financial secretary.